

Throughout his career, Deputy Commissioner Wagner has been a leader for positive change and modernization. When you worked with Marty you knew where you stood and that his positions were based upon his strong personal beliefs in how best to serve the American public and the Federal employees that he managed and with whom he worked. He is an honest, straightforward individual who did not shy away from challenges and difficult issues but, rather, sought the middle ground of compromise while always championing progress and better service.

From his work on implementing the gargantuan task of modernizing Federal telecommunications to his personal crusade of making sure each and every Federal worker was treated with respect and provided opportunities for advancement, Marty Wagner has always proved to be a capable and innovative leader. When we think of a government that is more efficient and effective, we need to pay our thanks to the good work of Deputy Commissioner Wagner.

I am sure that Marty's retirement from the Federal Government will not be the last we hear of him. Such an active, well-rounded, intelligent individual is not going to just while away the hours but, rather, seek out new challenges and opportunities to help his country and fellow citizens.

G. Martin Wagner and his good work will be missed but not forgotten.●

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF BEASOR WALKER

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor Mr. Beasor Walker, who has lived a life of great service to our Nation and to my hometown of Tuscaloosa, AL.

Beasor was a celebrated soldier in the Second World War, where he fought in the June 6, 1944, Invasion of Normandy. Despite a wound to his side, Beasor stayed with his unit during the duration of the fight and was promoted to company commander. Wounded again, he returned to his unit a second time in order to fight against the Nazis in the December 1944 Battle of the Bulge. It was during this offensive that he earned the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts. After 27 years of distinguished service to the U.S. Army, including time at Fort Jackson, where he trained replacement troops for the Korean War, Beasor retired as a colonel.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Beasor was elected sheriff of Tuscaloosa County in 1970. He served as sheriff until 1991, and during his lengthy tenure he was able to greatly improve Tuscaloosa County. Beasor is responsible for integrating the Sheriff's Department, streamlining the homicide squads, and extensively working to improve the Alabama Boys' and Girls' Ranch. Beasor has been in-

ducted to both the Alabama Military Hall of Honor and the Alabama Law Enforcement Hall of Fame.

His service to the Nation has been exceptional, and Beasor Walker is more than deserving of this recognition. His sacrifices are appreciated and important to the freedom we enjoy every day. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking my friend Beasor Walker for his service to our Nation and to the State of Alabama.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:29 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 433. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building".

H.R. 514. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office".

H.R. 577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 433. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 514. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-592. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Michigan" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0131) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-593. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avermectin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8110-8) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-594. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tris (2-ethylhexyl) Phosphate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8112-2) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-595. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an Average Procurement Unit Cost and a Program Acquisition Unit Cost breach; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-596. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's biennial strategic plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-597. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Administrative Procedures" (FRL No. 8275-2) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-598. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-599. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act of 2004" (RIN1110-AA23) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-600. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-601. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Broadband Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Re-channelization of the 17.7-19.7 GHz Frequency Band for Fixed Microwave Services Under Part 101 of the Commission's Rules" (WT Docket No. 04-143) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-602. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule